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Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson Speaks Out on George Floyd Murder

MILWAUKEE – County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson released the following statement regarding ongoing protests against police violence and racism.

"We have to break down and dismantle institutional and structural racism if we want to make progress and live in a community based on justice and equity.

"The distress we are witnessing in Milwaukee and across the country in the wake of George Floyd's murder is a response to an unjust system that has oppressed and exploited Black people for hundreds of years.

"The legacy of racism in Milwaukee is seen in the extreme poverty and denial of opportunity for Black and brown people, and countless examples of police violence that our community has had to endure.

"The legacy of racism is also seen in the harsh disparities in health outcomes for Black people, once again laid bare by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The only way to work towards justice is to replace systemic racism with a society based on equity, and that is what Milwaukee County government is committed to doing."